

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing claims 1, 2, 11, 13, and 15 have been amended. Claims 10 and 12 have been cancelled. Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 11, and 13-18 are pending and under consideration.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claim 10 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 10 has been canceled.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 10. For this reason, *inter alia*, independent claim 1 is also allowable. Therefore, claims 3-5, and 8-9, which depend on amended independent claim 1 are allowable.

Claims 11-18 are allowed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,929,651 (hereinafter – Leas). Amended, independent claim 2 recites "...an elastic member installed between the match plate and the contact block, to allow the contact block to elastically move up and down corresponding to ascent and descent of the match plate, thereby pressing the lead pusher against the leads of the semiconductor device."

Leas fails to disclose, *inter alia*, "...an elastic member installed between the match plate and the contact block, to allow the contact block to elastically move up and down corresponding to ascent and descent of the match plate, thereby pressing the lead pusher against the leads of the semiconductor device."

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leas in view Japanese Patent No. 2003-253224. Claims 3, 4, and 8 depend from claim 1 and include all of the features of that claim plus additional features, which are not taught or

suggested by the cited references. Therefore, for at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3, 4, and 8 also patentably distinguish over the cited references.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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